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SUBJECT: TURKISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS - INTERFERENCE

1. SUMMARY: IN JANUARY 6 WORKING GROUP SESSION, TURKISH TEAM PRESENTED NEW LANGUAGE ON INTERFERENCE. ALTHOUGH A BETTER FORMULATION THAN THEIR LAST ONE, THE NEW TURKISH DRAFT ARTICLE STILL DOES NOT EXHIBIT THE NECESSARY DEGREE OF MUTUALITY. END SUMMARY.

2. THE TEXT OF NEW TURKISH DRAFT ARTICLE XIII (NOW

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RENUMBERED XII) FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INSTALLATIONS AND
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND NETWORKS AUTHORIZED BY THIS
AGREEMENT SHALL BE COORDINATED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT
THEY DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF OTHER
LOCAL TURKISH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN INSTALLATIONS, AND
DO NOT HAZARD, NOR CAUSE DAMAGE TO LIFE AND PROPERTY.
SHOULD SUCH A SITUATION ARISE, THE TURKISH AND UNITED
STATES AUTHORITIES SHALL COOPERATE IN ORDER TO TAKE
PRACTICAL MEASURES TO REMEDY IT.

END TEXT.

3. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THIS NEW DRAFT, TURKISH TEAM
CHIEF ASULA SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THE TURKISH SIDE HAD
COME A LONG WAY TOWARDS MEETING U.S. NEEDS PARTICULARLY
THROUGH SUBSTITUTION OF THE WORD "COORDINATED" FOR
THE WORD "ARRANGED" IN THEIR PREVIOUS TEXT AND THE USE
OF A NEW FORMULATION WHICH REQUIRES COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE PARTIES IN REMEDYING ACTIVITIES WHICH CAUSE INTER-
FERENCE, HAZARD OR DAMAGE.

4. THE U.S. TEAM COMMENTED THAT WHILE THIS WAS A BETTER
FORMULATION THAN THE PREVIOUS TURKISH TEXT, IT STILL
CONTAINED THE VAGUE AND OBJECTIONABLE TERM
"HAZARD" AND IT DID NOT RESOLVE THE MOST IMPORTANT
MUTUALITY PROBLEM, THAT OF INTERFERENCE BY TURKISH
MILITARY OR CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES WITH U.S. OPERATIONS.
U.S. TEAM AGAIN CITED THE EXAMPLES OF PIRINCLIK AND ELMADAG. AT
THE FORMER THE U.S. HAS ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHANGING
BROADCAST FREQUENCIES BECAUSE THEY INTERFERE WITH LOCAL
TV CHANNELS. AT THE ELMEDAG COMMUNICATIONS SITE, ON THE OTHER HAND,
THE TURKS SHOULD HELP REMOVE THREAT TO FORWARD SCATTER
SYSTEM CAUSED BY UNCOORDINATED CONSTRUCTION OF A TV
FACILITY WITHIN A FEW HUNDRED YARDS OF THE SITE.

5. ASULA SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND U.S. CONCERN ABOUT THE
FAILURE OF HIS NEW TEXT TO DEAL WITH INTER-
FERENCE BY TURKISH MILITARY OR CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES, AND
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PROMISED TO REWORK HIS LANGUAGE WITH THAT FACT IN MIND.
HE ALSO TOOK NOTE OF U.S. CONCERN ABOUT USE OF TERM
"HAZARD," BUT DID NOT INDICATE WILLINGNESS TO DELETE
IT.
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